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Senator Edith Prague, Labor Committee Chair
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RE: Millwright Licensing in the State of Connecticut

Millwrights have a long tradition of maintaining all types of machinery in the state of Connecticut. A vast amount of Millwright hours are worked at nuclear power plants and coal, oil and gas generating stations. These power plants and generating stations work under guidelines formulated by Homeland Security; licensing Millwrights in these plants is another vehicle to police who is working in these facilities. Also, licensing Millwrights can be used as another source of revenue for the State of Connecticut.

The package handling industry is also where the Millwrights perform numerous tasks such as the installation of new conveyor systems and repair of the old. Water treatment and sewer treatment plants are built and maintained by Millwrights. Millwrights are the most highly trained individuals in the world. The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America have specialized training locally and nationally such as gas and steam turbine training; members must complete training in order to work in the industry. In conjunction with companies such as General Electric and Siemens Westinghouse we have trained over 5000 Millwrights nationally and 400 locally. A license will ensure that only the most qualified Millwrights will be doing the work safely in the state of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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